

CCS SB 700 -- WORKERS' COMPENSATION

VETERANS' ORGANIZATION EXEMPTION (Section 287.090, RSMo)

This bill exempts veterans' organization volunteers who are not paid wages from coverage under workers' compensation statutes.

VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS WORKERS' COMPENSATION GRANTS (Section 287.245)

This bill allows volunteer fire protection associations to apply to the State Fire Marshal for grants to help fund the associations' costs related to workers' compensation insurance premiums for volunteer firefighters. Subject to appropriations, the State Fire Marshal shall disburse grants to each applying association according to the schedule specified in the bill. Grant money disbursed under this section shall be used only for the purpose of paying for the workers' compensation premiums of volunteer firefighters according to the schedule specified in the bill.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION PREMIUM RATES (Sections 287.957 and 287.975)

Furthermore, the uniform experience rating plan of workers' compensation insurance currently prohibits an adjustment to the experience modification of an employer if the total medical cost does not exceed \$1,000, the employer pays all of the medical costs, there is no lost time, with some exceptions, from employment, and no claim is filed. This bill changes the medical cost maximum to 20% of the current split point of primary and excess losses under the uniform experience rating plan.

Additionally, this bill provides that, for purposes of calculating the premium credit under the Missouri contracting classification premium adjustment program, an employer within the construction group of code classifications may submit to the advisory organization the required payroll record information for all calendar quarters of the year prior to the workers' compensation policy start or renewal date, provided the employer clearly indicates for which quarter the payroll information is being submitted.